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RECIPROCITY.
It is fortunate for the interests of the country that the furtherance of every measure likely to have beneficial effects on the general welfare, does not depend on the action of the Legislative Council, otherwise, judging from the manner in which that body has treated, or rather neglected, the numerous bills sent up to it by the Lower House, we could hardly hope to complete, in any one session, whatever measures of public utility might have been originated in the popular branch of the legislature. There are some questions which may be reached by addressing the Executive directly, and thus avoiding the protracted inaction of the Upper House. The late resolutions on the joint civil list, fortunately came under this category, and in consequence, owing to the prompt action of His Excellency, are already on the way to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Another measure of national importance has lately been disposed of by the House of Assembly in a similar manner, and we trust, has received that earnest and immediate attention from the Executive, which its great importance and the urgent circumstances of the case demand—we allude to the resolutions in favor of a treaty of reciprocity between these colonies and the Pacific States of America, which were passed during the present session by the Assembly, with such unanimity. As the power of negotiating treaties rests only with the sovereign States, any such arrangement can only be made on our part by the Imperial Government, but it is absolutely necessary that the request should come from us, and our Legislature have wisely taken time by the forelock, and have done all in their power to further the attainment of so desirable an end. The present time is peculiarly auspicious for such a movement, inasmuch as the question of the renewal of the treaty between the United States and the Eastern Provinces, is now being brought prominently forward, and any application by us to the high contracting powers, for similar privileges to those enjoyed in the East for the last ten years, would add a favorable impulse to the continuance of the present system, under which both the Provinces and the United States have made such material progress. The beneficial results to these colonies, under a similar treaty, have been frequently urged in our columns, and doubtless there is but one opinion as to its desirability; we have only now to impress on the Executive the necessity of the most prompt and persistent action in order to secure its attainment. The ten years, for which the treaty in the East was to continue, expire on the 11th of September, 1864, and as notice must be given by either of the contracting parties, of their wishes in regard to its continuance, it is obvious that if we hope to come under the provisions of the same or a similar treaty, there is no time to be lost. There is very little doubt that the Eastern treaty will be renewed; no considerable action of the American people demand its abrogation, although a large party in the Eastern States are urgent for its reconstruction on a more favorable basis for themselves. It is doubtful, however, that it will even be much altered in its provisions, as it has been such an obvious advantage to the Western States that they will assuredly insist on its preservation. The East dare not shut up the main avenue of communication from the great West to the seaboard, which the abrogation or even material alteration of the treaty would inevitably bring about, and although some change and enlargement of the basis may be effected, we need have no fear that by the total abrogation of Reciprocity, our own prospects of obtaining similar advantages may be rendered more difficult of attainment. It will however be essential to the success of our application, that our neighbors, with whom we propose to share the benefits of reciprocity, should join with us in our demands for its introduction. We would urge on the Legislative Council of British Columbia, the advisability of immediate action in the matter, and we would also press on the attention of our American neighbors, the necessity of making an effort to introduce a commercial policy, which must obviously be of much benefit to themselves. We have many products which they want, and which we can supply better and cheaper than they now obtain them; and they find a large field here for their exports, and are alike interested in keeping our port free and open to their commerce. Let us make a unanimous effort to obtain full and complete reciprocity, and we shall succeed, and that success will be not only the guarantee of a substantial commercial benefit, such as have undoubtedly resulted from the operation of the treaty in the East, but will be a stronger bond of peace and good will between the two countries, than though the harbor of San Francisco should team with iron-clads, or the coasts of Vancouver Island bristle with Armstrong guns.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Public Meeting.
To His Worship the Mayor of Victoria.

Sir.—The undersigned citizens of Victoria and inhabitants of Vancouver Island, observing that no action was taken at the meeting held on Saturday last for the proper reception of our newly appointed Governor, respectfully request your Worship to convene a Public Meeting at an early day for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the reception of His Excellency Captain ANTHONY B. KENNEDY, C.B.

J. WRIGHT, J. W. McDONALD, J. M. REID, J. T. PIDWELL, W. M. SCARBY, ROBERT WALLACE, A. FELLOWS, T. TROUNCE, J. H. TURNER, KENT & FROST, J. TRIMBLE, M.P., D. LINDSAY, J. MOORE, Charles Street and others.

BROAD STREET, VICTORIA, Feb. 22, 1864.

To Messrs. John Wright, J. W. McDONALD, James M. Reid, J. T. PIDWELL, W. M. SCARBY, ROBERT WALLACE and others,

GENTLEMEN.—In obedience to your request to call a Public Meeting at an early day, for the purpose of making arrangements to give a proper reception to His Excellency the appointed Governor of Vancouver Island, &c., I beg to announce that I will convene a Public Meeting on Wednesday next, 24th inst., at the Theatre, Government Street, at 2 p.m., for the purpose therein requested.

Gentlemen,
I beg to remain your obedient Servant,
THOMAS HARRIS,
(Mayor.)

SALE.
The undersigned has been appointed by the Imperial Government, to sell by public auction, on Wednesday, Feb. 27th, at 11 o'clock, a.m., the following property, to-wit:—

One of the best of the Pacific Coast, and contains Five of Phelan's Best and Latest Improved Combination Cushion Tables.

At the Bar are dispensed the best WINES, SPIRITS, LIQUORS, Ales and Cigars.

That can be procured in the Market. There are also attached to the Saloon Rooms suitable for Private or Public Meetings.

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GOVERNMENT STREET,
Between Yates & Johnson.

Edwd. R. Thomas,
THIS DAY,
On Tuesday, Feb. 23
At 11 o'clock, a.m.

J. A. McCREA
WILL SELL
AT THE STABLES
ON BROAD STREET,
Known as "Tattersalls,"

1 Stage Coach;
2 Lumber Wagons;
2 Buggy Wagons;
1 Go Cart, 1 Dump Cart;
1 New Lumber Wagon;
Buggy and Cart Harness;
1 Pump with Pipe and Hose;

—ALSO—
With Lease of Ground, about 30 feet front on Broad street and 120 feet deep, alley in the rear.

The Lease has about 3 years to run at a monthly rent of \$140 with privilege of removing Building at the expiration of Lease.

TO-MORROW
Wednesday, Feb. 24,
At 11 o'clock, a.m.

AT SALESROOM, WHARF STREET,
I am instructed to sell the

Furniture!
Of a Family leaving the Colony.

PARLOR!
One very large and finished Mahogany Wardrobe;
Mahogany Tables, Hair Cloth Rocking Chairs;
Cane Seat Chairs, Gilt Frame Mirror;
One very large Rich Velvet Carpet, nearly new;
One Brussels Carpet, Clock, Vases, &c.

BED ROOMS.
Two large Double French Bedsteads (Mahogany), with Spring and Hair Mattresses, nearly new;
Two sup. Marble Top Bureaus, with Mirrors;
Three Marble Top Mahogany Washstands;
Various small Tables, Chairs, &c.

—ALSO—
Stoves, Crockery and Glassware, Lace Curtains, Cooking Utensils, Oil Cloths, &c.

—ALSO—
One Pianoforte.

The whole of the above is in excellent condition and of superior quality.

J. A. McCREA, Auctioneer.

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Town Lots and Farming Lands Bought and Sold.

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In this position, it is proposed to sell out at an
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pense, to be diverted by this route.

There are 200 acres of land, consisting of
fine alluvial soil, which produces with wonderful
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barley, and other cereals. The immediate vicinity there is a large extent of Hay
Meadows, affording a splendid opportunity for any
enterprising man, as this, along with all other de-
scriptions of farm produce, meets with a ready sale
at high prices.

The house and out-buildings comprise every con-
venient for the joint occupation of a family and im-
keeper. The farm is well stocked with all the neces-
sary implements of agriculture. There are also
on the farm a number of Cows, Hens and Pigeons,
so that no time would be lost in the progress of
farming operations.

This would be a fine opportunity for a married
couple, where nothing is wanted for the establish-
ment, a comfortable home.

There is an inexhaustible supply of fine spring
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